

Support for the Packet Claims

In a telephone conversation, the Examiner asked whether the amended claims recitations regarding packet were supported in the specification. Paragraph 21 explains that the specific nature of the radio active signal will depend upon the communications protocol. It then describes a radio active packet and at the end of the paragraph, that the packet can include the start time.

Paragraph 26 explains that the radio active packet can be directed to the particular devices which are to be affected. It further states, "[a]s with the packet sent to the power management module..." In paragraph 25, a radio active signal is sent to a power management module, so this sentence in paragraph 26 makes it clear that the signal may be in the form of a packet in both instances.

Paragraph 29 (page 14, lines 12 et seq.) explain that the radio active packet can include the radio start and end time in a single packet.

Election/Restriction

The Examiner has suggested that the specification has a "signal" embodiment and a "packet" embodiment and that the originally filed claims were directed to the "signal" embodiment. Applicants respectfully submit that the specification refers to all embodiments as a "radio active signal" and that this terminology (see e.g. paragraph 23) is used to encompass a packet form, a packet with interrupt form, and (paragraph 27) a hardware signal, among others. The amendment of the claims from "radio active signal" to "radio active packet" was intended to be a narrowing of the claims as the terminology has been used in the specification. The reframing of this limitation as "a radio active signal including a packet" makes this usage clear.

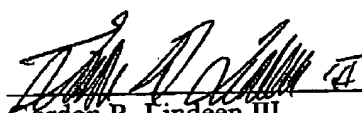
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Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the previously submitted amendments clarify that the claims are directed to the original invention and that that invention is clearly supported in the specification.

Respectfully submitted,
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